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- 1. THE MFA PROTOCOL SECTION, IN A CIRCULAR NOTE DATED AUGUST 23 WHICH WE RECEIVED AUGUST 28 BY NORMAL POST, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT AS OF SEPTEMBER 1 A MAJOR GENERAL KARLHEINZ DREWS"WILL FUNCTION AS STADT COMMANDANT OF BERLIN, THE CAPITAL OF THE GDR, AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1978."
- 2. IN A BRIEF MEETING AUGUST 29, THE FRENCH, BRITISH AND US EMBASSY DCM'S DISCUSSED THE NOTE. IT WAS THEIR IMPRESSION THIS WAS THE FIRST CHANGE OF COMMANDANTS IN EAST BERLIN SINCE THE THREE EMBASSIES ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THEREFORE, THERE WAS NO PRECEDENT TO GO ON IN HANDLING THE NOTE. IT WAS AGREED CAPITALS SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THE NOTE, AND THAT SINCE IT WAS A CIRCULAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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